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**IN THE CLAIMS**

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Claim 1. (currently amended) Apparatus for emptying a hose bag comprising a cap-like mating part fixed on one end of said hose bag, said cap-like mating part having a pipe-shaped outlet opening (3) and a helical cutting blade device comprising a double-edged helix-shaped cutting blade arranged therein for opening the hose bag.

Claim 2. (previously presented) Apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the blade is rotatably displaceable into the outlet opening and in the hose bag direction through an insertable nozzle.

Claim 3. (previously presented) Apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the blade is lockable in position.

Claim 4. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the nozzle seals against the inner wall of the pipe-shaped outlet opening.

Claim 5. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the nozzle seals against the inner wall of the pipe-shaped outlet opening.

Claim 6. (previously presented) Apparatus in accordance with claim 2, wherein the blade is lockable in position.

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